

## Message Text

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C O N F I D E N T I A L LAGOS 2947

IBS/IAA/IOP FROM HEDGES

1. MONITORING VOA NEWS INDICATES IT HAS NOT CARRIED DARNTON EXPULSION

,  
AT LEAST IN AFRICAN-TARGETTED PROGRAMMING, ALTHOUGH WF NEWS LED  
WITH ITEM, LEADING TO PRESUMPTION EVENT RECEIVING CONSIDERABLE  
ATTENTION US AND FOREIGN MEDIA.

2. BELIEVE OMISSION UNFORTUNATE ONE WHICH COULD LEAD NIGERIAN  
ELITE LISTENERSHIP AND FMG, WHICH CLOSELY MONITORS VOA, TO  
MISINTERPRET OFFICIAL USG POSITION ON EXPULSION AS MOTIVATED BY  
ONE OR MIX OF FOLLOWING CONSIDERATIONS:

A) EVENT HAS LITTLE INTRINSIC IMPORTANCE OR SIGNIFICANCE;  
B) USG DOES NOT WANT TO JEOPARDIZE VITAL NIGERIAN INTERESTS BY  
ANNOYING FMG IN FOCUSING ON THIS EMBARRASSING DEVELOPMENT,  
HOWEVER SIGNIFICANT; C) THERE IS SENSITIVE AND/OR INTELLIGENCE  
IMPLICATION WHICH RESTRAINS USG FROM GIVING MATTER ANY ATTENTION  
IN ITS OFFICIAL OVERSEAS RADIO SERVICE.

3. FROM THIS VANTAGE POINT, BELIEVE IT HIGHLY ADVISABLE THAT VOA  
CARRY ITEM AS NEWS, INCLUDING CITATION OF EXPLANATION GIVEN DARNTON  
FOR HIS EXPULSION, BEGINNING NOW AND CONTINUING THROUGH MARCH 16  
PROGRAMMING TO PREVENT LIKELY NIGERIAN MISINTERPRETATION.CHARGE  
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